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Roots

Episode 1 Worksheet

Directions:

Use the space below to answer questions from the movie.

- 1. Where does the story of Roots start?**
- 2. What event begins the story of Roots?**
- 3. Explain the Manhood Training of the Mandinka:**
- 4. What does the Kantango tell the young men about fear and weakness at the Manhood Training?**
- 5. Captain Thomas Davies took control of the ship, Lord Ligonier, and learns he will be transporting slaves. How does he feel about it?**

- 6. The first mate of the Lord Ligonier, called Slater, tells the Captain Davies about why he thinks slavery was a good idea for the Africans. What did he say?**

- 7. Slater asked Captain Davies whether the Africans would be loaded in "loose pack," or "tight pack." What is the difference? Why did it matter?**

- 8. How was the wrestler valuable to Kunta Kinte both at the Manhood Training and on the slave ship?**

- 9. The transportation of African slaves to the "New World" is often referred to as the "Middle Passage." What was it like for the Africans during the "Middle Passage?" Give examples.**